

JUDICIAL PROFILE

Michael R. McVey is currently assigned to the Juvenile Court Department Durango Facility. He previously was assigned to the Special Assignment, Criminal, Civil and Family Court Departments. Judge McVey graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Arizona State University in 1978. He obtained his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Arizona in 1981. In law school, he served as President of the Student Bar Association. Upon graduation from law school, Judge McVey worked both in the private sector and as a public prosecutor. From 1987 through 1993, he served as an Assistant Attorney General in Arizona and was subsequently named the Unit Chief of the Drug Enforcement Section. In 1992, he was named Prosecutor of the Year by then-Attorney General Grant Woods. He was appointed to the Bench in October 1993.



Judge McVey is an experienced trial lawyer, having prosecuted a number of drug-related cases for the Attorney General's Office. In addition to his duties on the Superior Court Bench, Judge McVey has worked with the Arizona State Bar, setting standards for jury instructions to be used by lawyers and judges throughout Arizona. He served as the chairman of the Maricopa County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Committee for criminal law practitioners. He has also taught at numerous seminars involving such diverse topics as electronic surveillance, search and seizure, domestic relations, bankruptcy trial practice techniques and legal ethics. He also served as counsel for the State Bar of Arizona in disciplinary matters. Judge McVey is a Master of the Horace Rumpole Inn of the American Inns of Court.